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European Union Stockpiles Beef

EU beef production in 2001 is forecast to drop seven percent and consumer consumption is forecast to decline 15 percent. As of mid-April, 175,000 tons of beef have been placed in intervention. By the end of 2001, the EU will likely have nearly 1 million tons of beef in storage. All of the beef entering storage via an intervention program will have been tested and certified as BSE-free.

Competitively priced EU beef will likely be attractive to markets like Russia, particularly if some level of confidence in EU beef is restored through testing measures and other programs in place. In this scenario, U.S. poultry exports to our key Russian market may be the U.S. meat product most challenged by the resurgence of EU export efforts to draw down the EU surplus.

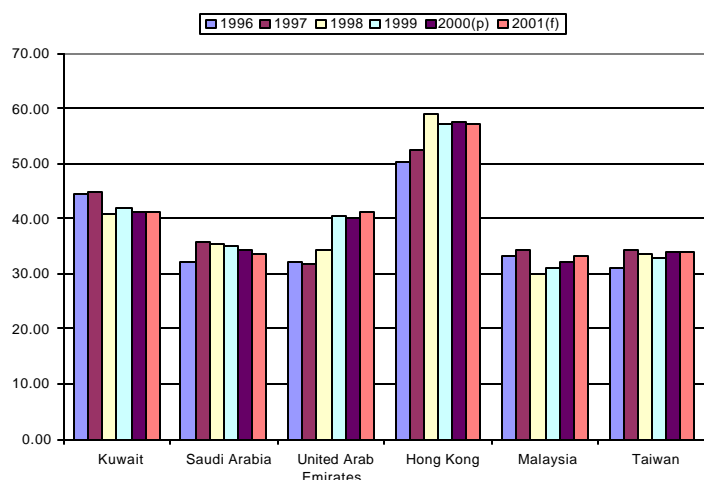
Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Production Estimates for Livestock and Poultry

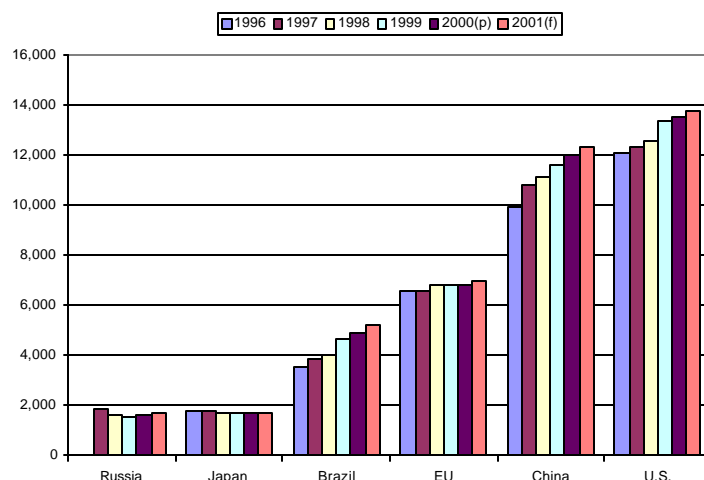
Projected total meat production for 2001 is lowered this month due to reduced forecasts for pork and poultry. Pork production is expected to expand about 1 percent this year. The beef production forecast is little changed from last month. Broiler production for 2001 is reduced this month for 2001, but still remains 1 percent above the 2000 level. Slaughter and eggs set data point to a slight reduction in first- quarter production, the first year-over-year quarterly reduction since 1980.

Forecast hog prices are increased due to the slower pace of production growth, while cattle prices are little changed from last month. The broiler price forecast is increased slightly in line with lower expected production.

Per Capital Poultry Meat Consumption (kg per person)



Poultry Meat Consumption by Country (1000 metric tons)



Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

U.S. Quarterly Animal Product Production*

Meat in million pounds, Eggs in million dozen

	Broiler	Turkey	Red Meat & Poultry	Egg
1999 Annual	29,741	5,297	81,724	6,912
2000 Annual (est)	30,495	5,402	82,577	7,035
2001 (quarterly projections)				
1st Qtr	7,550	1,325	20,140	1,750
2nd Qtr	7,800	1,425	20,689	1,745
3rd Qtr	7,700	1,400	20,632	1,760
4th Qtr	7,750	1,450	20,558	1,820
Annual	30,800	5,600	82,019	7,075

* Federally inspected for poultry meats, commercial production for red meats.

Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Economic Research Service/Farm Service Agency/Foreign Agricultural Service

Japanese Frozen Egg Imports in metric tons

	Frozen Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	Total
1999 Month				
September	129.6	774.3	349.8	1,253.7
October	231.6	1,328.2	232.3	1,792.1
November	237.9	809.9	256.9	1,304.7
1999 To-Date	1,913.2	8,782.5	3,557.2	14,252.9
2000				
September	185.1	951.5	506.5	1,643.1
October	275.9	1,172.3	355.4	1,803.6
November	216.9	874.1	378.4	1,469.4
2000 To-Date	2,233.9	11,573.5	4,104.3	17,911.7

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 07, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	190	39	2,635	1,623
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	18	22	76
Total	190	57	2,657	1,739

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 07, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	52	178	1,351	1,871
Frozen	57	6	450	134
Dried	20	18	163	403
Total	129	202	1,964	2,408

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 07, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	0	87	246
Extra Large	2,690	340	7,086	7,593
Large	2,560	2,450	27,615	34,677
Medium	150	300	11,548	9,667
Ungraded	9,000	3,060	43,088	25,740
Misc	0	750	6,287	3,750
Total	14,400	6,900	95,711	81,673

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION

W/E 07-Apr-01

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,033	1,443	3,476
LAST WEEK	2,043	1,323	3,366
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,009	1,345	3,354
TO-DATE/2001	26,357	18,132	44,489
TO-DATE/2000	28,301	19,114	47,415

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	399	0	399
LAST WEEK	434	27	461
SAME WEEK YR AGO	586	11	597
TO-DATE/2001	7,388	100	7,488
TO-DATE/2000	7,736	50	7,786

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED
IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,432	1,443	3,875
LAST WEEK	2,477	1,350	3,827
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,595	1,356	3,951
TO-DATE/2001	33,745	18,232	51,977
TO-DATE/2000	36,037	19,164	55,201

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

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CHICKEN 13-APR-2001
—— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-20.00	10.00-12.25	1,509,600	816,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.88	11.01		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

CHICKEN 13-APR-2001
—— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	240,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-19.00	18.00-19.00	716,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.31	18.70		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	11.50-15.50	1,599,000	519,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.18	12.83		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50-13.00	320,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.69		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 APRIL 2001.

The undertone was mixed on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins in response to the upcoming holiday weekend, steady to firm on the balance of white meat items. Bulk parts undertone ranged steady to firm and depended upon destination and buyer requirements. Demand ranged light to fair, sometimes good into export channels. Offerings of bulk parts ranged short to adequate with product less available into some export channels than others due to buyer requirements. High meat trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Demand in a full range with improved interest expected for next week. Offerings short to light and generally held with confidence. Domestic trading fair on fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Tom defatted gizzards traded at 53, frozen yearling hen breast meat 147, and frozen young hen breast meat 170 cents delivered domestic. Export fair on tom drums, balance light. Livers traded at 18, hearts 26, tom necks 30-32, and frozen tom breast meat 165 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-33.00		32.08	533	31.96	1,481
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	40.72	144	40.72	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	36.00		36.00	44	36.00	44
TAILS	26.00		26.00	26	26.91	290
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-19.00		18.25	104	17.90	728
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-70.00		69.30	172	68.76	1,848

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	40.72	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	27.00	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.67	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.25-69.50		68.28	224

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-33.00		31.14	528
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	40.00-41.00		40.72	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	27.00		27.00	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.67	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-70.00		68.27	456

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-33.00		31.18	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	38.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.50-71.00		68.29	456

MONDAY, APRIL 09, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.00		35.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	38.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104
TAILS		F	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-18.00		17.79	364
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-70.00		69.61	540

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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